



Procrastination Could Cost You Your Life

Acts 24:22-27

I. The Problem (vv. 22-23)

- A. Felix put Paul _____ (v. 22)
[Jn. 15:19-20; Matt. 2; Lk. 23:6-12; Acts 12:1-2; 23:29]
- B. Felix put Paul in _____ (v. 23) [Acts 27:3]

II. The Proclamation (vv. 24-25a)

A. Righteousness

- _____ righteousness (Isa. 64:6)
- _____ righteousness (Rom. 4:3; 2 Cor. 5:21)
- _____ righteousness (Eph. 5:8-10; Phil. 1:10-11)

B. Self-control (Rom. 6:11-14)

- Self-control and _____ (Matt. 6:19-21; Lk. 16:14)
 - Lovers of money focus on _____ more than people (Lk. 16:14-15)
 - Lovers of money place their _____ in what they possess (1 Tim. 6:17-19)
 - Lovers of money never _____ enough (Eccl. 5:10)

- Self-control and _____ (1 Cor. 6:12; 1 Cor. 10:31)
- Self-control and _____ immorality (1 Thes. 4:3-5; Jms. 1:14-15)
- _____ to come (Acts 17:30-31; Ps. 98:9; 2 Cor. 5:9-10; 2 Cor. 6:2)

III. The Procrastination (vv. 25b-27)

A. Examples of procrastination in the Bible

- The _____ (Acts 17:32)
- The _____ virgins (Matt. 25:10-12)
- Those who walked with Jesus but _____ (Jn. 6:53-56, 60-61, 66-69)

B. Three possible reasons of why Felix procrastinated

- People often put off God because of _____ (v. 26)
[1 Tim. 6:10]
- People often put off God because of _____ (v. 27)
[Jer. 22:17; Matt. 20:25-27]
- People often put off God because of _____ (Lk. 9:59-62)

TAKE HOME

- Do you deal with things in your _____ when God convicts you or wait until a more convenient time?
- Now that you have a better understanding of righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, _____ will you live differently?
- Do you struggle with putting off _____ when it comes to a biblical view of money, power, or relationships?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Acts 17:32; Matt. 25:10-12; and Lk. 9:57-62. What do these three passages teach us about procrastination?

2. Read Acts 24:22-23. What was Paul accused of? (Acts 21:29) Was this true? How did Paul defend himself? (Acts 24:10-20)

3. Read Acts 24:21. What was the real reason Paul gave for being on trial? Do you think this is the real reason? Do you think the real reason you may be persecuted today is the same or something else? (John 15:18-19)

4. Read Acts 24:24-25. What are we to understand here about righteousness? (Isa. 64:6; Rom. 4:3; 2 Cor. 5:21; Eph. 5:8-10; Phil. 1:10-11)

5. Read Rom. 6:11-14; Matt. 6:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:12-13; and 1 Thes. 4:3-5. What do these passages teach us about self-control?

6. Read Acts 17:30-31; Ps. 98:9; 2 Cor. 5:9-10; 2 Cor. 6:2. What is the coming judgment? What does this look like for a Christian? For an unbeliever?

7. Read Acts 24:25b-27. What are some possible reasons that Felix put off God? Do you agree with these reasons? Why or why not?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? What are some areas of procrastination you want to work on in your life with God’s help?

“Earth’s history is strewn with the wrecks of half-finished plans and unexecuted resolutions. ‘Tomorrow’ is the excuse of the lazy and refuge of the incompetent.”

- British Ambassador Nolvert Quale